

## OLD TIME ROBBER AN ARIZONA TALE

JOHN P. CLUM TELLS ABOUT  
BILLY HAZZLETON

An Interesting Reminiscence of Former  
Days.—A Hold-Up on the Over-  
land Stage in 1878.

John P. Clum, former postmaster of Tombstone, and editor of the famous Epitaph, and now a post office inspector, is in Los Angeles and has been telling things about old Arizona to the Herald:

"Sir," said Mr. Clum, this Tracy business reminds me of old times. Sit down and let me tell you the story of Billy Hazzleton, the lone highwayman of Arizona. One warm day in July, 1878, I took passage on the west-bound coach at Tucson for Florence, a little town in the Gila valley. When Joe Converse threw off the brake and started down the Santa Cruz valley his way-bill contained the names of three passengers. My companion inside was a veterinary surgeon from Fort Lowell. He carried two army revolvers in his belt. My own gun, a 45 Colt, I dropped to the floor of the coach. The other passenger, who was on the box, was a Chinaman, and neither he nor Joe had any weapons stronger than a jack-knife. We were traveling on the regular southern overland daily, running from El Paso to San Diego, and had with us the United States mail and a Wells, Fargo & Co. express box. The Apaches were quiet and no stage holdups had occurred in that vicinity for several years. Hence we were not anticipating any unusual incident.

About eighteen miles west of Tucson there is a rugged elevation known as the Point of Rocks. The road there is very sandy, and Joe let his team walk. Suddenly the coach stopped and an old Spanish carbine 50-calibre, was thrust in the door, and behind this weapon was a tall highwayman. He was a six-footer, and athletic. He wore his coat, long side out, and such part of his pantaloons as were not tucked in his boots were roughly covered with pieces of sacking. He wore a mask and a slouch hat. He carried a pair of six-shooters, a knife and two belts of cartridges. As the carbine came in at the stage door the hammer came back with a click and the man said: "Up with them quick or I'll kill you dead!" "If you fellows want ter fight you can begin shottin' any minute yer like; you may get me, but I'll get some of you first, and I'd just as soon die as not."

"Our hands went up. The knight of the road then ordered the driver to throw out the mail pouches and the Wells-Fargo treasure box, and Joe obeyed without murmuring. Then he commanded us to move on, and we continued on to Florence, which we reached next morning. A deputy sheriff went back in the same coach, and within a mile of the same place the same robber held it up and relieved the officer of all he had, including his gun. A posse was soon after organized and near the scene of the hold-ups found that the robber had ridden a horse, and in following his trail saw that a peculiar impression was made by the left hind shoe of the horse. One Sunday afternoon an officer observed a young man riding through the streets of Tucson, and the hoof prints of his horse were of the same peculiar kind. He was arrested and the usual preparation made for lynching. The man confessed and said that he had taken no part in the robberies except to carry provisions to the highwayman, and that the robber's name was Brazzleton.

"Charlie Shibley was sheriff of Pima county. He took with him six men and commanded the informers to lead the way to Brazzleton. Brazzleton was to meet him in a chaparral thicket, about ten miles west of the scene of the robberies. When Brazzleton appeared next day he was commanded to give up. He made a quick move as if to draw his gun, when seven whinchesters let fly at him, and muttering something that was either a prayer or a curse and swinging half way round fell. Billy Brazzleton was dead. The body was taken to Tucson and buried. I saw his grave about two years ago. Billy Brazzleton was born in San Francisco. He was early left an orphan and made his home in an old boiler, the remains of a wreck on the 'Barbary coast.' He attended the public schools of San Francisco, became a hoodlum and killed his first man in a row when he was but 15 years old. He robbed nine coaches in Arizona and New Mexico single-handed. Once he was closely pursued by a posse near Silver City, New Mexico, when he managed to separate them and killed them one by one as they came up. He was dextrous with firearms and had no streak of yellow in him."

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I. The name of the corporation shall be Merit Mining and Milling company, and the principal place of business of said corporation shall be at Bisbee, Cochise county, Arizona. It may also have branch offices at such other places as the board of directors may from time to time direct.

II. The general nature of the business proposed to be transacted by said corporation, is to purchase, lease, bond, locate, denounce, or otherwise acquire any mineral lands, mines, mining rights, water and timber rights, lands, buildings, rights and privileges, machinery and other property whatsoever to the same that natural persons might or could do either in the United States of America, or the Republic of Mexico. To buy, sell, manufacture, and deal in ores, minerals, bullions, machinery, implements, provisions, merchandise and things capable of being used in connection with mining operations, or required by workmen and others employed by the company. To carry on the business of mining, milling and smelting company, and as auxiliary thereto to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire lands, buildings, or works to construct or contribute towards the construction of railroads, trails and bridges, and to acquire any patent rights, leases or privileges, to enter into, make, perform or carry out contracts of every kind with any person, firm or corporation the same as a natural person may do, and generally to carry on any other business therewith whether manufacturing or otherwise and with all the power conferred on corporations by the laws of the United States or the Republic of Mexico.

III. The amount of capital stock of said corporation shall be Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars, divided into Five Hundred Thousand (500,000) shares of the par value of one (\$1) Dollar each, and such stock when issued shall be full paid up and forever non-assessable.

IV. The time of commencement of said corporation shall be immediately after the filing of these articles of record in the office of the recorder of the county of Cochise, Territory of Arizona, and the termination thereof shall be twenty-five (25) years thereafter unless renewed pursuant to the laws of Arizona before the termination thereof.

V. The affairs of said corporation shall be conducted by a board of seven (7) directors all members of which shall be stockholders of said corporation, who shall be selected in a manner provided for in the by-laws of the corporation. The members of the board of directors for the current year and until their successors are chosen and qualified are:

A. H. Pinyan, Walter Goslin, Ralph Colvin, Will H. Baker, Geo. H. Nolte, S. A. Merritt.

VI. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the said corporation shall subject itself shall in no case exceed an amount equal to one-half of the outstanding capital stock at the time of the obligation being incurred.

VII. The private property of the stockholders shall be exempt from all corporate debts and liabilities. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 10th day of June, 1902.

A. H. Pinyan,  
Walter Goslin,  
Ralph H. Colvin,  
Will H. Baker,  
Geo. H. Nolte.

Territory of Arizona)  
County of Cochise, ss.

Before me, S. A. Merritt, a notary public in and for the county of Cochise, territory of Arizona, on this day personally appeared A. H. Pinyan, Walter Goslin, Ralph H. Colvin, Will H. Baker, Geo. H. Nolte, proven to me by the oath of W. H. Baker to be the persons, whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

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